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1. APSL PROJECT 30 SELECTION PANEL MET SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15
TO INTERVIEW THREE FINALISTS FOR NEW ZEALAND AND ONE WESTERN
SAMOAN CANDIDATE.

2. FOR NEW ZEALAND PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE IS MR ALAN E. BOLLARD;
BORN NEW ZEALAND JUNE 5 1951. PLANS FINISH PH.D. MID-76. AIMS
TO WORK AS DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIST IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY.
HAS TRAVELLED IN PACIFIC ISLANDS - - TONGA, FIJI, COOK ISLANDS,
NIUE AND WESTERN SAMOA THREE TIMES FOR RESEARCH FOR MA AND PH.D.
DEGREES. GRADUATE ECONOMIC WORK HAS CONCENTRATED
ON ISSUES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN PACIFIC COUNTRIES, GIVEN
THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS OF FOOD & POPULATION. (MA THESIS "THE
IMPACT OF MONETIZATION ON TONGA"; PH.D. THESIS "EFFECT OF AID
PROJECTS ON ATIU, COOK ISLANDS".)

3. BOLLARD IS MEMBER (EX CHAIRMAN) UNIVERSITY FIELD CLUB; BADMITON
CLUB, AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY CLUB; ECOLOGY ACTION ASSOCIATION;
UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL GROUP. IS KEEN SPORTSMAN & TRAMPER (HIKER).
HAS A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE CULTURE OF POLYNESIAN MIGRANT GROUPS
,
PARTICULARLY TONGANS, IN THE URBAN NEW ZEALAND ENVIRONMENT. HE IS
INTERESTED IN WEAVING. NO DIETARY RESTRICTION; UNMARRIED. IS
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT OF AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY
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PREPARED TOPIC FOR PROJECT: "NEW ZEALAND'S AID ROLE IN THE PACIFIC".
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4. ALTERNATE CANDIDATE FOR NEW ZEALAND IS DAVID F. RENDALL;
AGED 26; GRADUATE STUDENT (FOR MASTERS IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE
- SPECIALIZING IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS) LINCOLN COLLEGE, CANTERBURY

.
THIS IS RENDALL'S LAST YEAR AT LINCOLN AND ON COMPLETION OF MAG.SC.
PLANS TO RETURN TO NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES
FROM WHOM HE HAS LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO COMPLETE THESIS. RENDALL IS
DESCRIBED AS A GOOD STUDENT AND RECOMMENDED BY HIS DEPARTMENT FOR
THE PROJECT. HE IS MARRIED & ENJOYS SAILING, COOKING, TRAMPING.
MEMBER, UNIVERSITY SPORTS CLUBS. PREPARED TOPIC FOR PROJECT: "N.Z.'S
CHANGING ROLE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC BASIN." NAME CHECK SATISFACTORY.

5. WESTERN SAMOAN PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE IS MR. KOLONE VA'AI, VICOTRIA
UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON GRADUATE STUDENT STUDYING FOR MASTER OF
PUBLIC POLICY (COMPLETED BCA ECONOMICS MAJOR IN 1974). VA'AI IS 23
YEAR OLD WESTERN SAMOAN AND WILL COMPLETE POS-GRADUATE WORK AT END
OF 1976 WHEN PLANS TO WORK WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF
GOVT OF WESTERN SAMOA. THIS PUBLIC POLICY COURSE CURRENTLY
BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MR VA'AI IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ONE TO PREPARE
PERSONS FOR TOP LEVEL CIVIL SERVICE. HIS COURSE WORK IS APPROXIMATELY
50 PERCENT ECONOMICS. HE IS DESCRIBED AS A VERY COMPETENT STUDENT.
QUIET, AND CONSCIENTIOUS, HE IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE UNIVERSITY FACU
LTY.
HE HAS DONE WORK ON FINANCIAL SYSTEMS IN WESTERN SAMOA AND HAS A GOOD
UNDERSTANDING OF ECONOMICS. HIS TOPIC: "FOOD, POPULATION & ENERGY
PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO WESTERN
SAMOA"; HE IS DESCRIBED AS BEING ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC AS WELL
AS
ANYONE FROM HIS OWN COUNTRY. MR VA'AI IS SINGLE. NO DIETARY RESTRICT
ION.
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6. REQUEST CONFIRMATION NOMINEE ACCEPTANCE BEFORE CHRISTMAS AS
STUDENTS ANXIOUS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

7. WESTERN SAMOAN CANDIDATE LEAVES NEW ZEALAND MID DECEMBER FOR
SAMOA AND WILL NOT RETURN PRIOR TO DEPARTING ON GRANT. THUS
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CONFIRMATION OF HIS ACCEPTANCE AND GRANT DOCUMENTS WILL MAKE FOR
EASY GRANT HANDLING HERE.

8. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE EXCELLENT CANDIDATES WHO WILL REPRESENT
THEIR COUNTRIES VERY WELL AND WILL BE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTORS TO
SUCCESS OF PROJECT. FULL DETAILS FOLLOW VIA AIRGRAM.
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